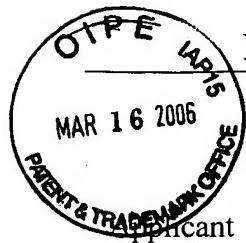


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.